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ANDREW AND MARY ANN  
THOMPSON MAIR

Andrew Mair was born February 18, 1856, at Gaswater Ayrshire, Scotland, to Allen and Mary Murdoch Mair.

Andrew attended school a short time in Scotland. At the age of nine he, with his mother, sister Mary, and brother Alexander, came to the land of America as converts to the LDS Church. His uncle, Patriarch John M. Murdoch, was already in Utah.

So the little Mair family, after leaving the ship in New York, traveled to Missouri and started the long trek across the plains for Utah.

Shortly after arrival in Heber, Andrew was baptized and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Andrew's mother married Daniel McMillan, a village blacksmith, in 1872. Andrew soon learned the trade from his stepfather and from then on until the time of his death, in 1924, he was blacksmithing, and was very efficient. His work was outstanding, and the neatness of his welding and work can

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be seen in the Heber Second Ward chapel, as it was he who made the connecting rods and braces which tie the walls and ceiling of the chapel part of the meeting house. His first shop was located at 60 South Main, by Old Lake Creek. He later worked in a shop at 35 West First South and still later owned and operated a shop at 164 West Fourth South.

His education consisted mostly from the school of experience. He was a beautiful writer, very good in figures, and could read well.

His motto in work and life was:

If a task is once begun,

Never leave it till its done;

If the task be great or small,

Do it well or not at all.

He was a friend to all and lived the Golden Rule to the best of his ability. He was a lover of peace and harmony.

On July 24, 1876, he married Mary Ann Thompson, daughter of William and Sarah Fenn Thompson. She was one of fifteen children. Mary Ann served as a practical nurse in Heber City and aided the doctors with the sick on many occasions.

Mary Ann was born in Provo, Utah, on October 6, 1863. The family later came to Heber. As a child and young woman she endured the hardships and joys of pioneer life. She and her husband were very devoted to teach other and their family. They were the parents of eleven children, ten of them growing to maturity, marrying and raising families of their own.

The children were: William, Sarah (Mrs. Thomas Horrocks), Mary (Mrs. George D. Giles), Esther (Mrs. Thomas Davis), Andrew, John, Martha (Mrs. Bud Mann), Nellie (Mrs. Glen Drietzler), Mabel (Mrs. Cecil Wall), and Emma (Mrs. Arthur Street).

Andrew Mair died July 6, 1924, at Heber City, Utah. He held the office of High Priest at the time of his death. He was 68 years of age. His wife died October 10, 1953, at the age of 90 years. At the time of Mary Ann's death, in 1953, she and Andrew Mair's posterity numbered 211.